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SUBJECT: STATE VISITS TO THE PHILIPPINES IN EARLY 1974

1. AFTER LONG PERIOD WITHOUT STATE VISITS, SEVERAL SUCH VISITS TO MANILA ARE SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1974: JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA JANUARY 7-9 PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE LEE KUAM YEW JANUARY 15-17 AUSTRALIAM PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM FEBRUARY 10-13 ADDITIONALLY, A VISIT BY PRINCE JUAN CARLOS OF SPAIN HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR FEBRUARY UNTIL THE ASSASSINATION OF THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER LED TO ITS INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

2. THESE VISITS WILL COME AT A TIME WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS SHOWING OBVIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE CHALLENGE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS' LEGITIMACY PRESENTED BY THE EXPIRATION OF HIS ELECTED TERM UNDER THE 1935 CONSTITUTION ON DECEMBER 30, 1973. THE TIMING OF THE VISITS SHOULD PROVE HELPFUL TO MARCOS AND WAS NO DOUBT PARTLY THE  
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PRODUCT OF GOP EFFORTS TO THAT END. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO AND THE VISITS PRESUMABLY REFLECT  
AN ASSESSMENT BY THE VISITORS THAT MARCOS' CURRENT POSITION  
IS RELATIVELY SOUND AND THAT HIS CONTINUATION IN OFFICE  
WOULD BE RELATIVELY FAVORABLE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE  
NATIONS REPRESENTED.  
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